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SUBJECT: OLSZOWSKI VISIT TO BONN

REF: (A) WARSAW 5546 (NOTAL); (B) WARSAW 6196 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: IN SEPARATE DEBRIEFINGS, BOTH POLES AND  
GERMANS HERE HAVE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT OLSZOWSKI VISIT  
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TO BONN WAS SUCCESSFUL. POLES ACKNOWLEDGE THEY AGREED

TO PERMIT 50,000 ETHNIC GERMANS TO EMIGRATE IN 1974  
BUT HAVE NOT PUBLISHED THIS PARAGRAPH OF JOINT PRESS  
STATEMENT HERE. GERMAN AMBASSADOR SAYS POLES HAVE  
AGREED TO LET 150,000 ETHNIC GERMANS LEAVE OVER NEXT  
THREE YEARS. BOTH SIDES INDICATE FINAL SHAPE OF AGREE-  
MENT DEPENDS ON COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY NEGOTIATIONS  
TO BE HELD BETWEEN NOW AND GIEREK VISIT TO BONN NEXT  
SPRING. POLISH PRESS HANDLED NEWS OF GIEREK VISIT IN VERY  
PECULIAR MANNER. END SUMMARY

2. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPASOWSKI TOLD  
AMBASSADOR OLSZOWSKI TALKS IN BONN WENT WELL AND THAT  
FRIEDRICHS WOULD BE COMING TO WARSAW THIS WEEK FOR NEGO-  
TIATIONS ON THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL COOPERA-  
TION AGREEMENT AND ON THE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREE-  
MENT BETWEEN FRG AND POLAND. SPASOWSKI ALSO REFERRED  
TO POLISH AGREEMENT TO PERMIT 50,000 ETHNIC GERMANS TO  
EMIGRATE FROM POLAND IN 1974, A FIGURE WHICH HE SAID  
POLES DID NOT INTEND TO PUBLISH TO AVOID "UNNECESSARY  
CONFUSION". THEY ALSO REFERRED TO THE NEGOTIATIONS  
ON THE FINANCIAL CREDITS AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE  
BEGINNING JANUARY 22, 1974 IN ONE WORKING GROUP WHILE  
ANOTHER DEALT WITH THE DETAILS OF AN AGREEMENT ON EMI-  
GRATION.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH GERMAN COLLEAGUE  
HERE, AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD POLES HAVE IN FACT AGREET TO  
PERMIT EMIGRATION OF 150,000 EHTNIC GERMANS OVER NEXT  
THREE YEARS. THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD JUST RE-  
TURNED FROM BONN, WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT FIGURE  
OF 50,000 FOR 1974 HAD NOT BEEN PUBLISHED LOCALLY  
SINCE IMPRESSION WAS LEFT IN BONN THAT BOTH SIDES  
WOULD PUBLISH THIS FIGURE AS PART OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE.  
DURING THE TALKS IN BONN, MINISTER SCHMIDT APPARENTLY  
SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE AN INCREASE IN CREDIT  
GUARANTEES, BUT THIS APPARENTLY REFERRED TO SOME  
PORTION OF THE 7 BILLION DM TOTAL FOR JOINT ECONOMIC  
PROJECTS WHICH SCHEEL HAD USED IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH  
GIEREK DURING HIS VISIT IN WARSAW. OLSZOWSKI IS ALLEGED  
TO HAVE SAID, DURING THE BONN TALKS, THAT POLAND IS IN  
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A HURRY TO MAKE USE OF THE CREDITS WHICH THE GERMANS  
ARE OFFERING. SCHMIDT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE REFUSED TO  
GO ABOVE ONE BILLION DM AS THE TOTAL OF DIRECT FINANCIAL  
CREDITS ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS. HE APPARENTLY  
EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THE CONDITIONS,  
BUT NOT ON THE OVERALL AMOUNT OF THIS CREDIT.  
IN ANY CASE, AN EXPERTS GROUP WILL MEET ON JANUARY 22  
TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE THE CONDITIONS OF THIS GOVERNMENT-

TO-GOVERNMENT LOAN WHILE A SEPARATE COMMITTEE ON REPATRIATION, HEADED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CZYREK AND VON WELL, WILL CONCURRENTLY DISCUSS REPATRIATION QUESTIONS. THE GERMANS REPORT THAT THE POLES HAVE REFUSED TO SIGN ANY PROTOCOL UNTIL ALL FINANCIAL FIGURES ARE AGREED UPON. IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT BARGAINING WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE EVE OF GIEREK'S VISIT, BUT IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT POLES, BY AGREEING TO REPATRIATION OF 150,000 ETHNIC GERMANS, ARE SHOWING MARKED EAGERNESS TO REACH AN OVERALL UNDERSTANDING AND BEGIN UTILIZING GERMAN CREDITS.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, GERMAN DCM INDICATED THAT BILATERAL WORKING GROUP ON PENSIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS MAY HAVE MOST DIFFICULT AND PROTRACTED TASK. POLES ARE APPARENTLY ASKING FOR PENSIONS NOT ONLY FOR ETHNIC GERMANS LIVING HERE BUT FOR ALL POLES WHO WERE EITHER IN FORCED LABOR STATUS DURING WAR OR INMATES OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS. THIS APPROACH KEEPS OPEN QUESTION OF REPARATIONS AND GIVES GERMANS BOTH POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES ON FOREIGN POLICY LEVEL AND PROBLEMS WITH DOMESTIC GERMAN LEGISLATION. THEY EXPECT THIS QUESTION MAY CONTINUE TO BE DEBATED EVEN AFTER GIEREK'S VISIT TAKES PLACE.

5. THE PORTION OF THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE CONTAINING THE NEWS OF GIEREK'S INTENTION TO VISIT BONN WAS HANDLED IN A MOST PECULIAR MANNER HERE. A SATURDAY PAP AGENCY PRESS RELEASE FROM BONN RAN IN PARTY DAILY, TRYBUNA LUDU, WITH THREE PARAGRAPHS MISSING, INCLUDING THE ONE CONCERNING THE GIEREK VISIT. THE OMISSION WAS MADE GOOD THE FOLLOWING DAY WITH AN ADDENDUM BLAMING THE GAP ON A LINOTYPIST'S ERROR. THE BONN PAP REPORT WAS, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLISHED IN FULL IN SATURDAY'S ZYCIE WARSZAWY AND MANY PROVINCIAL PAPERS, MINUS, OF COURSE, IN ALL INSTANCES, ANY MENTION OF THE 50,000 ETHNIC GERMANS WHO WOULD BE PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE. ODDLY ENOUGH, OF THE PAPERS WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR, ONLY THE PARTY PAPER IN KRAKOW, GAZETA KRAKOWSKA, SAW FIT TO HEADLINE THIS ARTICLE WITH THE NEWS OF GIEREK'S VISIT. WE EXPECT THAT THE EMBASSY'S JOURNALISTIC CONTACTS WILL BE BUZZING WITH SPECULATION ABOUT THIS "TECHNICAL ERROR" FOR SOME TIME.

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